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1. PARA 3 OF REFTEL REPORTS LOCAL TRANSPORTERS INDICATING THAT BERTHING DELAY IN DAR ES SALAAM UP TO 40 DAYS. THIS QUESTION AROSE IN AIDAC MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT IN EARLY NOVEMBER, AND WE ANSWERED IT IN OUR 3704 WHICH IS REPEATED BELOW.
2. QUOTE REF A REPORTS LYKES LINES WILLING TO CARRY 3,000 TONS SOY FORTIFIED SORGHUM GRITS AND 2,000 SOY FORTIFIED BULGUR, BUT ONLY TO TANGA AND NOT DAR ES SALAAM AS REQUESTED IN REF B. NO DOUBT LYKES FEARFUL (AND WITH SOME JUSTIFICATION) THEY WILL GET CAUGHT UP IN 10-20 DAY QUEUE WAITING FOR BERTH. AID/W SHOULD IMPRESS ON LYKES THAT TANGOV HAS IN VERY INSTANCE DURING 1974 GIVEN FIRST AVAILABLE BERTH TO FOOD SHIPMENTS AND WE HAVE ASSURANCES FROM H.R. SHEKILANGO, GENERAL MANAGER, NATIONAL MILLING CORPORATION THAT LYKES SHIP BEARING FOOD WILL BE TREATED IN SAME FASHION. USUALLY "FIRST AVAILABLE BERTH" MEANS IMMEDIATE OR NEAR IMMEDIATE BERTHING.
3. WHEN DISCUSSING FOREGOING WITH LYKES, AID/W SHOULD DRAW ON UNCLASSIFIED

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PARA 2 OF REF C WHICH DISCUSSES CONDITIONS IN DAR ES SALAAM

PORT. NOTE IN PARTICULAR, PART B WHICH, WE BELIEVE, IS APPLICABLE IN THE CASE OF BAGGED BULGUR AND SORGHUM. LYKES, WE ASSUME, WELL AWARE THAT IN TANGA THEY MUST DISCHARGE INTO LIGHTERS WHICH WILL MEAN LONGER PERIOD TO DISCHARGE CARGO THAN IF THEY DISCHARGE IT IN DAR ES SALAAM WHERE THEY CAN PULL ALONGSIDE. LYKES SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT IN DAR USAID HAS PROVIDED CONSIGNEE (NATIONAL MILLING CORPORATION) WITH AMERICAN SUPPLIES EXPERT WHO IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH PROBLEMS OF MOVING BULK FOOD SHIPMENTS THROUGH PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM. BELIEVE HIS PRESENCE AND ASSISTANCE DURING TIME LYKES SHIP IS IN PORT WILL SPEED DISCHARGE TIME AND MAKE CALL AT DAR ES SALAAM FASTER ONE THAN IN TANGA UNQUOTE.

4. CABLES REFERENCED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ARE (A) STATE 245982; (B) DAR 3665; AND (C) DAR 3461.

5. FYI. SINCE THE TRANSMISSION OF OUR 3704 THE BERTHING SITUATION IN DAR ES SALAAM HAS IMPROVED GREATLY. MOST SHIPS ARE RECEIVING IMMEDIATE BERTHING AND ANY SHIP CAN BE MOORED IMMEDIATELY INSIDE HARBOR FOR DISCHARGE INTO LIGHTERS. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND SITUATION IN MOMBASA CONSIDERABLY BETTER THAN THE 10 TO 15 DAY BERTHING DELAY REPORTED IN REFTTEL. CARTER

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